SENATE BILL 977

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 50, relative to background checks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-1207, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

During the application process, and at any time during a sponsoring organization's or subrecipient's participation in a food program administered by the department, to the extent authorized by federal law the department shall conduct background checks on each applicant of the subrecipient or sponsoring organization, to determine if any applicant has a criminal history that would make the organization ineligible to participate in a food program administered by the department. Criminal history that meets this criterion includes a criminal conviction in the eight (8) years preceding the date of application or the date of background check that indicates a lack of business integrity including, but not limited to, any crime involving dishonesty.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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